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**NEXT MEETING**

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**1:00 pm**

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**Gayle BREAU SMITH** was our speaker for May. She gave a great presentation “Footsteps in Time” on her BREAU family. She showed us maps of where they were from and when they traveled to Nova Scotia then to Louisiana with all the names of her ancestors. She showed us a mural that depicts the Acadian arrival “Le Grand Derangement- July 28, 1755” that is in the Acadian Memorial Museum in St. Martinville, LA. She showed us the dikes (levee) called Aboiteau that they built and she will come back in September to speak more of this to us. Thank you, Gayle for this awesome presentation. She mentioned the GRA2022 – Grand Reveil Acadiens – Great Acadian Awakening will be October 1 – 9, 2022. For more information visit: [www.louisianeacadie.com](http://www.louisianeacadie.com). The CMA2024 – Congres Mondial

Acadien will be August 10-18, 2024. For details visit: [www.cma2024.ca/](http://www.cma2024.ca/).

## **TERREBONNE 200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by TGS on “People & Culture”. We are asking for members to start thinking about displaying any old items they may have that represents their memories of growing up in Terrebonne Parish. Items need to be historical and tell a story about our heritage like old books and home items. We would like to have some of our members dress and wear period clothing. TGS will have a Trivia Contest with fun categories like food, founders/leadership, people, places, things and customs.

## **SPEAKER**

Mr. Gary PHILLIPS has been a resident of Terrebonne Parish since 1964, graduating from STHS in 1965. He attended NSU. and received three degrees from this institution—a B.A. in English and Social Studies Education in 1970, an M. Ed. in English in 1974 and a second M. Ed. in Guidance and Counseling in 1981. He holds additional certifications in journalism, public relations and secondary administration. He began his teaching career at Legion Park Middle School in 1970 and after the 1972 school year returned to Nicholls to pursue a master’s program. In 1973 he began teaching at E. D. White Catholic High School in Thibodaux. Over the next 27 years he would hold many responsibilities—classroom teacher, basketball coach, yearbook advisor, Dean of Students, Senior Guidance Counselor, Director of Public Relations and Principal. In 2000 he began an eighteen-year career at Vandebilt Catholic High School in Houma.

There he taught Louisiana History, American History, Photography and AP Government. He oversaw all Veterans Day Program from 2003-2018, coordinated the American Legion Oratorical Contest and VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. Two of his students were state winners in these contests. He moderated an award-winning Varsity Quiz Bowl Team that was a five time state champion and for twelve consecutive years was champion of the South Louisiana Quiz Bowl competition. He was named VCHS's Teacher of the Year in 2006 and 2018. He was named to the Vandebilt Hall of Fame in 2018 and the E.D. White Hall of Fame in 2019—the only person so honored. From 2003-2105 he was named a recipient of the NSU “You Made a Difference Award”—the only teacher to be so honored every year of the program. In 2009 he was named a Distinguished Educator by the US Department of Education. In 2017 he was named the Outstanding Educator in Terrebonne Parish by the American Legion. Since retiring in 2018, he has stayed active in historical organizations. He currently is a past board member of the Regional Military Museum. He is a member of two reenactment groups—the Gulf Coast Artillery Group (War of 1812) and the Living History Crew of the U.S.S. Alabama. His ultimate goal is to continue to share his love of history with young people in every way he can for as long as he can. On June 7, 2022, his research on the military history of Terrebonne Parish, “A Call to Arms,” was presented at the Terrebonne Parish Civic Center as part of the parish’s 200<sup>th</sup> celebration and will give a shorten version at our June meeting.

### SEMINAR

The Lafourche Genealogy and Heritage Seminar will be on August 6, 2022 at the Thibodaux Regional Medical Center’s Wellness Center at 726 North Acadia Ave., Thibodaux, LA. There will be three speakers instead of four. The fourth time slot is reserved for the presentation of awards. Save the date and stay tuned for more information.

### FAMILY REUNIONS

October 1, 2022 TRAHAN Family Reunion, contact Ray Trahan [ernesttrahan@gmail.com](mailto:ernesttrahan@gmail.com) (337) 288-1681 and VINCENT Family Reunion, contact Michael Vincent [mdv4838@yahoo.com](mailto:mdv4838@yahoo.com).

October 7, 2022 BROUSSARD Family Reunion, contact John Broussard [jhbrou@bellsouth.net](mailto:jhbrou@bellsouth.net).

October 8, 2022 BREAUX Family Reunion, contact [gaylebreauxsmith@gmail.com](mailto:gaylebreauxsmith@gmail.com) and HEBERT Family Reunion, contact Marty Guidry [guidrymartin@gmail.com](mailto:guidrymartin@gmail.com).

### TERREBONNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	ROOM/FLOOR	BOARD	GENERAL
6-25-2022	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
7-30-2022	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
8-27-2022	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
9-24-2022	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
10-29-2022	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
<i>No Meeting in November</i>				
12-10-2022	Main Branch	D. E. Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl		Noon

<p><b>We are on the web:</b> <a href="http://www.terrebonnegenealogicalsociety.org">www.terrebonnegenealogicalsociety.org</a></p>	<p><b>Be our friend on Facebook:</b> <b>Terrebonne Genealogical Society</b></p>
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